to install pollution control devices in order to comply with the directions given in the consent conditions issued by the Pollution Control Boards. The expenditure of the Pollution Control Boards is towards their regulatory responsibilities. It will not be possible to determine this expenditure separately for cities, including Delhi. On the basis of assessment for the five years (1980—1984) of annual average values of Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM) monitored under the WHO Global Environment Monitoring System (GEMS) programme in 41 cities of the world, Delhi ranked the fourth city in the world with an annual SPM average from 400 to 550 g/m3 while the ambient average SPM value should be 500 µg|m3. The natural dust level in the ambient air of Delhi and emissions from industrial activities including thermal power plants and vehicular traffic are the major causes for this pollution. In regard to other parameters of air pollution *i.e.* sulphur dioxide and oxides of nitorgen, Delhi's ambient air quality is within prescribed standards.

(c) and (d) To control pollution standards for emissions and effluents have been notified for all major categories of industries. The standards for vehicular emissions are being implemented from March 1, 1990. All the thermal power plants in Delhi now have high efficiency electrostatic precipitator except Unit No. 3 of Badarpur where the work is in progress.

Damage of the Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh due to Fires

*118. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports which appeared in the Times of India dated the 23rd April 1990 to the effect that terrorists have seized parts of the Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh and unleashed a region of terror among the forest guards;

(b) whether it is a fact that about 70 per cent of the forest in this area has been burnt down by fires; if so, what was the number of birds and animals which have been killed; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to prevent damage to the Kanha National Park?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The news item in Times of India of 23rd April, 1990 has come to the notice of the Government. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that the statement that terrorists have seized parts of Kanha National Park and unleashed a region of terror upon Forest Guards is not correct. Naxalities are, however, reported to have entered the Park and beaten up one forester and a forest guard inside the Park, besides intimidation of some staff. According to the State Government about 45 per cent of forest area has been affected by surface fires in which grasses and dry fallen material have been burnt. No deaths of birds and animals due to fires have been reported.

(c) The State Government has informed that following steps have been taken to prevent damage to the Kanha National Park:

(i) Four patrolling parties consisting of forest staff and armed police will do intensive patrolling of the Park.

police officers have been directed to flush out all naxalities.

(iii) A committee of high officials will tour bordering villages to rectify grievances of villagers and forest staff.

पुस्तक प्रकाशन के क्षेत्र में भारत की स्थिति

*119. श्री कपिलदेव वर्मा
श्रीमती वीणा :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पुस्तक प्रकाशन के क्षेत्र में विश्व में सातवें स्थान